HON'BLE SHRI G.S.SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

WRIT PETITION No.2160 OF 2001

Between:

K.C.Chowdappa

. . .Petitioner

AND

The Government of AP and others

. . .Respondents

:: ORDER ::

Counsel for the petitioner : Smt. N.Shoba

Counsel for the respondents : Assistant Government Pleader for Home

Dated: 18th July, 2007

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In this petition, the petitioner has prayed for issue of a direction to the respondents to return DBBL Gun No.19499 16 Bore bearing licence No.C/134/1 and to renew the licence.

After hearing the arguments of the learned counsel for the parties in the pre-lunch session, I passed over the case till after lunch so as to enable learned counsel for the petitioner to ascertain the cost of the weapon. This was done in view of the counter-affidavit filed on behalf of the respondents that the gun deposited by the petitioner is not traceable.

In the post-lunch session, Smt. N.Shoba gave out that her client had purchased the gun in 1978 for a sum of Rs.15,000/-.

Learned Assistant Government Pleader, on the basis of instructions given to him by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kadapa, stated that the petitioner has agreed to take a weapon in substitution of the gun deposited by him and that the alternative weapon will be supplied to the petitioner within a period of one month.

In view of the statement made by the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, I do not consider it necessary to adjudicate on the issue raised in the writ petition and dispose of the same as infructuous. However, liberty is given to the petitioner to file miscellaneous petition for revival of the writ petition, if he does not receive the alternative weapon from the concerned police officer within one month.

As a sequel to disposal of the writ petition in the manner indicated above, WPMP No.2717 of 2001 filed by the petitioner for interim relief is disposed of as infructuous.

G.S.SINGHVI, CJ

18th July, 2007

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